Textile Exports

1802. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of textile exports during the last three years; year-wise, details thereof;

(b) the target envisaged during the year 2001-2002; and

(c) the future of textile industry in export market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The value of textile exports from the country during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Value (in US$ Million)
1998-99	9548.2
1999-2000	10508.5
2000-2001	12097.4

SOURCE: DGCI&S, Kolkata

(b) In view of the current international trade environment, the textile exports during 2001-2002 are targeted to reach a level of US$ 12, 100 million.

(c) The exports of textiles (including handicrafts, jute, and coir) account for about 27 per cent of total exports from India. The National Textile Policy (NTXP-2000) aims to increase textile exports to US$ 50 billion by year 2010.

Revival Package for NTC Textile Mills

1803. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give a package of Rs. 340 crore to upliftailing NTC textile mills;

(b) if so, how many textile mills of Karnataka are likely to be benefited under this package;

(c) whether any package will be announced to uplift private textile mills also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Government have given their in principle consent to the Draft Rehabilitation Schemes for the 8 sick subsidiaries of NTC, circulated by BIFR, proposing for revival of 44 viable mills and closure of 60 unviable mills costing Rs. 2993 crores to be financed largely out of the sale of surplus lands and assets, which include NTC mills in Karnataka. The final decision in this regard is to be taken by BIFR after considering objection/ suggestions from all concerned. BIFR has fixed hearings for finalisation of the Schemes for the 8 Subsidiaries on different dates in February 2002.

(c) and (d) Technological Upgradation Fund Scheme for assisting technological upgradation of textile mills is already under implementation since 1999-2000.

Export and import of Textiles

1804. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile exports have gone down in the first three quarters of the current year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the imports have gone up considerably during the same period; and

(c) if so, the reasons for slowdown apart from the attacks in the USA on 11th September, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) During the period January-August 2001, textile export amounted to US $ 7665.5 million as against the exports of US $ 7980.0 million during the same period of 2000, recording a negative growth of 3.9 per cent.

(b) During the period January-August 2001 textile imports amounted to US$ 968.5 million as against the import of US$ 940.6 million during the same period of 2000, recording a growth of 3.0 per cent.

(c) The recent declining trend in the textile exports is mainly due to general slowdown in the economies of some of our major important trading partners